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In re application of:

KOJI SATO

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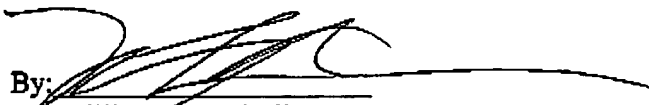
Dear Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed on January 24, 2000. A response to an Office Action of August 1, 2001 was filed on October 31, 2001, and status inquiries were filed on October 30, 2003 and June 13, 2005. However, to date, no further Office Action has been issued.

It is therefore respectfully requested that this matter be investigated and that the Patent Office advise the undersigned of the status as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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